



Deepening engagement with Southeast Asia

Southeast Asia is a key priority for Australia

Undertaken **67 outbound bilateral visits to the region by Australian ministers**, since May 2022 (as of 23 January 2025)



Agreed to **upgrade our relationships** with Brunei, Laos, the Philippines and Vietnam and fully implemented the **ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**

Increased ODA to an estimated \$1.26 billion in 2024-25, in line with the **additional \$470 million in ODA** to Southeast Asia over four years



Expanded the cap on the **Emerging Markets Impact Investment Fund (EMIIF)** to mobilise more private sector finance including in Southeast Asia

Appointed a **Special Envoy for Southeast Asia** and **delivered a Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040** to bolster our economic engagement with the region



Announced a new **Southeast Asia Government-to-Government Partnerships program** to deepen government agencies' relationships in the region

Supported **100 Australia for ASEAN scholars** and hosted a Special Summit to Commemorate the **50th Anniversary of ASEAN-Australia Dialogue Relations** in March 2024



Investing **\$200 million** into an **Australia-Indonesia Climate and Infrastructure Partnership** to support Indonesia's clean energy transition

Offering new **specialised scholarships** complementing the Australia Awards scholarships program, **accessible to Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand**



Designing a **new scholarships program for Southeast Asian partners** to offer more Australian education and training opportunities to the region

Established and continued to expand DFAT's **Office of Southeast Asia**, including to support increased engagement with Timor-Leste



Will double the number of Canberra Fellowships Program visits from the Indo-Pacific, offering around 10 additional visits per year